



EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
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DAVID Y. IGE  
GOVERNOR

April 12, 2019

**GOV. MSG. NO. 1105**

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,  
President  
and Members of the Senate  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki,  
Speaker and Members of the  
House of Representatives  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on April 12, 2019, the following bill was signed into law:

SB148

RELATING TO FIRE PROTECTION.  
**ACT 004 (19)**

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FIRE PROTECTION.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1       SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the state fire  
2 council comprises the four county fire chiefs and is attached  
3 for administrative purposes to the department of labor and  
4 industrial relations. The state fire council is responsible for  
5 adopting the state fire code, administering the requirements for  
6 a reduced ignition propensity cigarette program, and applying  
7 for and administering federal grant assistance for fire-related  
8 projects. The state fire council may also establish  
9 qualifications for testing and certifying individuals who  
10 perform maintenance and testing of portable fire extinguishers,  
11 fire protection and fire alarm systems, and private fire  
12 hydrants.

13       The purpose of this Act is to specify the allowable fire  
14 protection systems certifications that an individual may obtain,  
15 more closely aligning the state fire code with nationally  
16 recognized standards.



SECTION 2. Section 132-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

"(c) The state fire council may also:

(1) Appoint advisory committees comprised of representatives from each county fire department to assist in drafting the state fire code and coordinating statewide training, data collection, and contingency planning needs for firefighters;

(2) Advise and assist the county fire departments where appropriate, may prescribe standard procedures and forms relating to inspections, investigations, and reporting of fires, may approve plans for cooperation among the county fire departments, and may advise the governor and the legislature with respect to fire prevention and protection, life safety, and any other functions or activities for which the various county fire departments are generally responsible; and

(3) Establish, in conformance with the adopted state fire code and nationally recognized standards, statewide qualifications and procedures, to be administered by the county fire departments, for testing, certifying,



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1 and credentialing individuals who perform maintenance  
2 and testing of portable fire extinguishers, water-  
3 based fire protection systems, other fire protection  
4 systems, private fire hydrants, and fire alarm  
5 systems; provided that the county fire departments may  
6 establish and charge reasonable certification fees."

7 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

8 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.  
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APPROVED this 12 day of APR, 2019

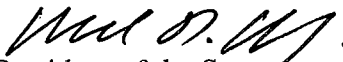
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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

**THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I**

Date: March 5, 2019  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Third Reading in the  
Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2019.

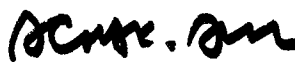
  
President of the Senate

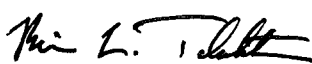
  
Clerk of the Senate

**THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I**

Date: March 25, 2019  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Third Reading in the  
House of Representatives of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular  
Session of 2019.

  
Speaker, House of Representatives

  
Clerk, House of Representatives